DATE: August 31, 2020

TO: 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT for Body Worn Camera (Hereinafter “BWC”) equipment upgrades for the members of SWAT through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. Estimated additional expenditures are [12,056.00]. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all relevant contractual documents and agreements. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY:
The 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who were in routine contact with the public to wear a body worn camera (“BWC”) device effective July 1, 2018. In compliance with the “Washoe County Board of County Commissioners’ Policy” adopted January 16, 2018, the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County have mutually agreed upon equipment from Axon Enterprise, Inc., to provide BWC’s for the region. The initial term of the Joinder Contract shall be from April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023.

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office is seeking reimbursement for upgrades to the BWC equipment worn by the members of SWAT. The equipment consists of 35 Flex 2 Tactical SWAT kits, 25 Flex 2 Controllers, and 2 Flex 2 “6-Bay + Core” Docks. This equipment has improved durability and an improved magnet system that is designed to withstand the nature of the SWAT Team duties, and is therefore necessary.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and healthy Communities.

On January 16, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners (“BCC”) adopted the policy of the use of 911 Surcharge Funds for the Body Camera Mandate set forth in Nevada Senate Bill 176.

On February 20, 2018, the BCC adopted the Washoe County Regional 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Five Year Master Plan Update, prepared by the Galena Group Incorporated, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

On March 13, 2018, the BCC authorized a Joinder Contract to purchase Body Worn cameras (BWC) and related supplies for the WCSO Operations Division through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly...
Taser International), 17800 N. 85th Street Scottsdale, AZ, 85255. Expenditures are [$730,579.25] per the contract term of April 2, 2018 through April 1, 2023. The fiscal year costs for the contract term are: FY18-$49,999.25, FY19-$227,889.00, FY20-$227,889.00, FY21-$227,889.00 and FY22-$227,889.00.

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office seeks to upgrade the BWC program to include upgrades for the Axon Flex 2 cameras for members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (“SWAT”) Team. Commissioned members assigned to the SWAT Team/Special Operations Division require fifteen (15) Tactical SWAT kits, twenty-five (25) Flex 2 Controllers, and two (2) Flex 2 docks for six (6) bays. Estimated expenditures are [$12,056.00].

**APPLICABLE NRS:**

NRS 244A.7645 provides approval of costs associated with maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.

NRS 244A.7645 (3). If a surcharge is imposed in a county pursuant to [NRS 244A.7643](#), the board of county commissioners of that county shall create a special revenue fund of the county for the deposit of the money collected pursuant to [NRS 244A.7643](#). The money in the fund must be used only:

(a) To pay the costs of adopting and reviewing the 5-year master plan for the enhancement of the telephone system for reporting emergencies in the county that is required pursuant to [NRS 244A.7643](#).

(b) With respect to the telephone system for reporting an emergency:

(1) In a county whose population is 45,000 or more, to enhance the telephone system for reporting an emergency, including only:

(I) Paying recurring and nonrecurring charges for telecommunication services necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system;

(II) Paying costs for personnel and training associated with the routine maintenance and updating of the database for the system;

(III) Purchasing, leasing or renting the equipment and software necessary to operate the enhanced telephone system, including, without limitation, equipment and software that identify the number or location from which a call is made; and

(IV) Paying costs associated with any maintenance, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of the enhanced telephone system.

(2) In a county whose population is less than 45,000, to improve the telephone system for reporting an emergency in the county.

(c) With respect to purchasing and maintaining portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices, to pay:

(1) By an entity described in this subparagraph, costs associated with the acquisition, maintenance, storage of data, upgrade and replacement of equipment and software necessary for the operation of portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices or systems that consist of both portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices. Money may be expended pursuant to this subparagraph for the purchase and maintenance of portable event recording devices or vehicular event recording devices only by:

(I) The sheriff’s office of a county;

(II) A metropolitan police department;

(III) A police department of an incorporated city;
(IV) A department, division or municipal court of a city or town that employs marshals;

(V) A department of alternative sentencing; or

(VI) A county school district that employs school police officers.

(2) Costs for personnel and training associated with maintaining, updating and operating the equipment, hardware and software necessary for portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices or systems that consist of both portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.

(3) Costs for personnel and training associated with the maintenance, retention and redaction of audio and video events recorded on portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices or systems that consist of both portable event recording devices and vehicular event recording devices.

(d) To pay any costs associated with performing an analysis or audit pursuant to NRS 244A.7648 of the surcharges collected by telecommunications providers.

PREVIOUS ACTION & BACKGROUND

In 2017, the 79th Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 176 (SB 176), which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law enforcement agency and who are in routine contact with the public to wear a BWC device effective July 1, 2018. Since passage, representatives of the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, and the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office have discussed a mutually agreed upon vendor to provide body worn cameras. This will ensure equipment interoperability between all law enforcement agencies and smooth prosecution of criminal cases by the Reno City Attorney’s Office, Sparks City Attorney’s Office and the Washoe County District Attorney’s Office.

Research by the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office determined a greater discount was available through a Joinder Contract through the State of Nevada “3273 – Contract for Services of Independent Contractor” awarded to Axon Enterprise, Inc. (formerly Taser International).

The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office successfully deployed a BWC program on Monday June 11, 2018, three weeks ahead of the State of Nevada statutory mandate in accordance with law. These BWC’s have been a welcomed tool to the law enforcement professional documenting incidents in the field as they rapidly unfold. The BWC program has been widely successful overall in our Office.

In an effort to continue that success and protect our officers, the county, and community that we serve, the need to upgrade the BWC program for commissioned members assigned to the SWAT Team/Special Operations Division is paramount.

On September 19, 2019, this Committee adopted item #10, the Washoe County Regional 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Five Year Master Plan Update, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.
On September 24, 2019, the BCC adopted item #9, the Washoe County Regional 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Five Year Master Plan Update, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Under Senate Bill 176 of the 79th Legislative Session of the State of Nevada these additional expenses are reimbursable, and the intent is to seek approval for reimbursement for these expenses through the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee.

Budget authority exists within the 911 Fund to reimburse the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the proposed purchase in the amount of [12,056.00].

In order to ensure the entire approximately four-hundred (400) commissioned Detention Bureau, Administrative Bureau, and Operations Bureau staff members assigned throughout the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office is uniform, BWC-related upgrades and additions are required.

The intent is to use E-911 telephone line surcharges to fund all expenses.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee approve the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office request to purchase BWC-related supplies for the SWAT Team through the State of Nevada from Axon Enterprise, Inc. Estimated additional expenditures are [12,056.00].

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to recommend approving reimbursement for the costs associated between the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to purchase additional BWC-relates supplies for members of the SWAT Team in an amount not to exceed [12,056.00]. If approved, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute all relevant contractual documents and agreements for reimbursement.”
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Washoe County Sheriff's Office - NV  
1001 E. 9th Street  
Attn: Accounts Payable,  
Bldg. D-200  
Reno, NV 89512  
US

**Payment Terms:** Net 30  
**Delivery Method:** FedEx - Ground

**Sales Representative**

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Phone: (602) 708-0074  
Email: cneubeck@axon.com  
Fax: (480) 658-0629

**Primary Contact**

Justin Cardella  
Phone: (775) 321-4934  
Email: jcardella@washoeCounty.us

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